

One-stop installation reception support is here

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377 Logistics Readiness Squadron

Getting from “here to there” has always been a challenge for military units preparing for deployments. These days with the seemingly never-ending amount of taskings allocated to AFMC and Kirtland AFB growing, readiness has become a major concern for senior leadership ensuring that Kirtland AFB Airman are up to the challenge of leaving on a moment's notice.

Enter the 377th Logistics Readiness Squadron—more specific the Readiness Flight—17 highly dedicated Airmen who could borrow the postal motto of “we deliver” rain or shine. The flight is responsible for getting TEAM KIRTLAND's personnel and cargo to the area of responsibility, in a matter of weeks, days or, at times, even hours.

The Readiness Flight provides base-wide support to ensure the wing can deploy personnel, aircraft, associated supplies and equipment whenever they are required. The flight functions as TEAM KIRTLAND'S gateway for all receptions and serves as the primary focal point for any and all receptions that come to Kirtland AFB.

Do you or your unit require any help for receptions of personnel, cargo or special assets? Do you know everyone that you need to contact in order to receive proper support? Wouldn't it be great if there were a single place to call that would take care of the calling and preparations for you at Kirtland AFB and guide you through the process?

TEAM KIRTLAND leadership heard your request. The 377 LRS is your one stop shop for all reception planning and will answer all questions that customers may have. The flight has refined the process to get the best answers for any and all questions. Contacting the Readiness Flight will not only cut down on the wait for an answer, but also will speed up the process and provide customers with the best support.

The Readiness Flight has a working relationship with the units that formally deal with reception support. We have a checklist that you fill out and send back to the flight. We see what you need and help with the rest: Vehicle Operations, Base Operations, Base Fuels, Base Dining Facility and anyone else that you need in order to give you the best support.

Last year, the Readiness Flight processed 116 aircraft missions, 2,344 people and 621 short tons of cargo from Kirtland AFB to locations worldwide. Some of the most recent missions supported include: OPERATION NOBLE CONDOR, Marine 1, Royal Air Force, Air Force One, The STARS Program, Weapons of Mass Destruction Team, Naval F-18s, Navy Seals Team and the Missile Defense Agency.

Over the past week, many of you have seen the Patriot launchers on Kirtland AFB. The Readiness Flight was there from the beginning, ensuring reception support planning was in place months in advance to ensure the 705th Exercise Control Squadron received base support for the 505th Dis-



Air Force photo

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tributed Warfare Group's Virtual Flag 04-3 Exercise.

The Readiness Flight was there when Sandia National Laboratories needed reception support for the 2004 Nuclear Weapons Security Enhancement Summit to showcase specialized security assets.

“One of the best things that has happened in the Air Force is the merger of supply, fuels, transportation and logistic plans into the Logistics Readiness Squadron,” said Capt. J.D. Duvall, 377th Logistics Readiness Squadron operations officer. “TEAM KIRTLAND has time and time again seen the best this concept has to offer.

The synergy realized in reception planning and support is just the tip of the iceberg. Couple the LRS concept with the new Logistics Readiness Officer, which combined the supply, transportation and logistics plans officer career fields and you just broke the sound barrier for expeditionary combat support.”

Visit the Kirtland Web page at <https://wwwmil.kirtland.af.mil>. Click on the “One Stop Installation Reception Support” link to get the latest information on our services.

Reception planners can be reached by phone 846-4637 or 846-7000, fax at 846-6500 and Web or email, 377LRS. Receptions@kirtland.af.mil.



Photos by Damian Bohannon

Patriots at Kirtland AFB

The 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas Patriot Missile Launchers were at Kirtland AFB as part of the 505th Distributed Warfare Group's Virtual Flag 04-3 Exercise. The 377th Logistics Readiness Squadron supported the mission, ensuring advance reception support planning for the 705th Exercise Control Squadron.

Officers must finish education application

Officers competing for a developmental education opportunity in the 2005-2006 school year must complete the required preference application online.

The application, available from any Internet-connected computer, must be completed by the officer and senior rater by May 21.

To access the application, officers can visit the developmental education site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme/.

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Once there, those eligible can click the "Web-based 3849 application" button which will take them to the Air Force Personnel Center secure site. Once the application is completed and submitted, the user is automatically taken to the Assignment Management System Web site.

A current Transitional Officer Developmental Plan is mandatory for the application process.

Elder care

Local, long-distance resources just a phone call away

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Among the stresses of the military family lifestyle is the problem of care-giving for family members in states other than where a military member is assigned.

The Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs Information and Assistance Program provides long-distance caregiver information on local and out-of-state helping agencies and organizations.

Information and Assistance Program can help families connect with Bernalillo County organizations, as well as provide contact information for local agencies in the country.

Jean Spalt, the manager of Senior Information in the city of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Department of Senior Affairs, notes that it's always best to scout for resources and services while a family member is still independent and can help make major decisions on their future care. But, for those already needing assistance, information and services are available.

"For local people, just call us if you have a relative here," Ms. Spalt said. "Any type of services—we will be happy to refer you. Not just daycare—we link people to services they might possibly be able to use."

The city's senior centers are designed to service independent and mobile senior citizens.

Daycare service for frail elderly 60 years and older are also operated by the nonprofit Share Your Care in four local senior centers.

Share Your Care daycare service is available at: Barelbas Senior Center, 764-6445; Bear Canyon Senior Center, 291-6219; Los Volcanes Senior Center, 836-8798; and North Valley Senior Center, 761-4001. Daycare services is for adult 60 years and older.

Share Your Care also operates daycare centers for frail elderly and adults 18 and older who are disabled at 5301 Ponderosa Northeast, 881-8982, and 2701 The American Road Southeast in Albuquerque, 897-9025. To contact Share Your Care, call 298-1700.

Other nonprofit agencies, not affiliated with the city, serving elderly people are the Cornucopia at 2002 Bridge Boulevard Southwest, 877-1310, for frail elderly and adults who are disabled and 18 years or older. For frail elderly only is the Easter Seals Adult Day Services for Frail Elderly, 1500 Chelwood Park Northeast, 237-1200, for people 50 years and older.

Ms. Spalt's office offers complete senior affairs information for the Bernalillo County.

Families needing a referral out of state can obtain contact information on agencies on aging from their book of nationwide agencies and through the Web site www.eldercare.gov. Call 764-6400.

Cindy Brown

presents an elder care program at the Family Support Center three times a year.

The next program is June 22, 3-5:30 p.m.

Ms. Brown's presentation includes information about care issues, dementia and Alzheimer's. She is a licensed social work professional who works as a daycare center supervisor in Albuquerque.

For information about the free workshop limited to 15 people, call the Family Support Center, 846-0741.